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April 17, 2023

Senator Petersen
President of the Senate
Representative Toma
Speaker of the House
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: SB1331 & HB2332

President Petersen & Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed SB1331 and HB2332.

Ensuring the safety of our students is a responsibility that belongs to all of us. Since taking office, I have met with gun safety advocates to discuss acts of preventable gun violence happening in our schools, colleges, and universities.

Mandatory firearm safety training in schools is not the solution to gun violence prevention. This requirement could lead to immediate and long-term impacts on the health and wellbeing of students, teachers, and parents. Nor is it prudent to allow parents to carry concealed weapons on school campuses. Allowing more guns on campus will not make a campus safer. Firearms on campus have the potential to confuse law enforcement as they arrive at an active shooter situation.

I'm focused on finding concrete solutions to gun violence prevention that protect Arizona families, including but not limited to, policy focused on trauma-informed emergency planning and safe, secure gun storage.

This session, Representative Jennifer Longdon introduced HB2192, also known as Christian's Law. The bill would have required gun owners to keep either ammunition or guns in a locked storage container or in a device that would render them inoperable without a combination or a key. The majority party decided to not give HB2192 a hearing in committee.

I will continue fighting for public safety measures that protect our schools and Arizona families from senseless acts of gun violence.

Sincerely,

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Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona

Cc:
Senator Shamp
Representative Bliss
Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House
Secretary Fontes